

HOUSE BILL No. 1209

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-32-4-12.

Synopsis: Workplace Spanish language proficiency endorsement on diploma. Provides that, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student who is seeking to receive a diploma that shows the student is ready to participate in the workforce may receive a basic workplace Spanish proficiency endorsement on the diploma by successfully completing courses in workplace related Spanish language instruction. Requires the department of education to develop courses for the workplace Spanish language instruction that a school corporation may use.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-32-4-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2016]: **Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to a student who is seeking**
4 **to receive a diploma that shows the student is ready to participate**
5 **in the workforce.**

6 **(b) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student**
7 **described in subsection (a) who successfully completes Spanish**
8 **language courses that include the elements set forth in subsection**
9 **(c) is eligible to receive a basic workplace Spanish proficiency**
10 **endorsement on the student's diploma.**

11 **(c) The department shall develop Spanish language courses**
12 **under this section that include:**

- 13 **(1) one (1) year of basic grammar and vocabulary, with a**
14 **focus on the present tense and appropriate greetings; and**
15 **(2) one (1) year of additional vocabulary and conversation,**
16 **with a focus on vocabulary that is necessary for various types**
17 **of work environments.**



1 **(d) A school corporation may use the courses developed by the**
2 **department or any other courses that include the elements set forth**
3 **in subsection (c) to allow a student described in subsection (a) to**
4 **receive a basic workplace Spanish proficiency endorsement on the**
5 **student's diploma.**

